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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO EGYPTIAN MINAG TO VISIT US

1. EGYPTIAN MINAG DR. OSMAN BADRAN TOLD AMB YESTERDAY THAT HE HAD SHORTLY BEFORE RECEIVED AN INVITATION FROM SECY BUTZ TO VISIT THE US AS THE LATTER'S GUEST. HE WOULD LIKE TO ACCEPT AND TALKED ABOUT GOING IN EITHER MARCH OR MAY. BADRAN INDICATED HE WILL REQUIRE THE PRIMIN'S APPROVAL BEFORE HE CAN GO AND ASKED AMB TO REQUEST THE PRIMIN TO PERMIT HIM TO GO.

2. ALTHOUGH WE HAD NOT HEARD OF SUCH AN INVITATION BY SECY BUTZ AND ARE NOT CLEAR HOW IT WAS DELIVERED, IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT AMB HAS LONG URGED THAT SUCH AN INVITATION BE EXTENDED. BADRAN IS A US-TRAINED AGRONOMIST, HAS TAUGHT THE SUBJECT AND HAS SOUGHT TO PUT SOME ORDER INTO THE SPRAWLING MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND INTRODUCE MORE MODERN MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES. HE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BENEFIT FROM SUCH A VISIT. IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL FROM POLITICAL IMPACT POINT OF VIEW.

3. AMB IF PREPARED TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH PRIMIN, BUT WOULD FIRST APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION

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THAT SUCH INVITATION FROM SECY BUTZ HAS IN

FACT BEEN EXTENDED. IF SO, IT WOULD ALSO
BE HELPFUL TO KNOW FOR PLANNING PURPOSES WHETHER
MARCH OR MAY DATES WOULD MOST CONVENIENTLY
FIT INTO THE SECY'S SCHEDULE.
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